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Docket No.: 016762.085-US01  
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
Richard J. Collins, et al.

Application No.: 09/611,320

Filed: July 6, 2000

For: CARD WITH INCREASED GRIPABILITY

Group Art Unit: 3722

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced Patent Application:

1. Request for Reinstatement of Appeal under 37 CFR § 1.193(b)(2);
2. Supplemental Brief on Appeal (in triplicate); and
3. Return receipt postcard.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740, under Docket No. 016762.085-US01. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

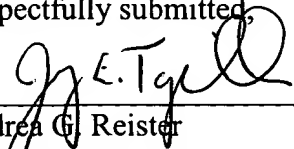
It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this

application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.193(b)(2), appellant hereby requests reinstatement of the appeal in the above-referenced application. Also submitted herewith is a Supplemental Brief on Appeal.

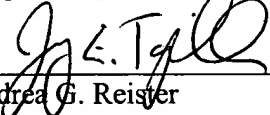
Prosecution for this application was reopened by the Examiner in an Office Action dated July 2, 2003. Because prosecution was reopened prior to a decision on the merits by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, the fee previously paid by the appellant for the notice of appeal, appeal brief, and request for oral hearing should be applied to the current appeal. MPEP § 1208.02. Accordingly, appellant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper. However, if additional fees are necessary to prevent abandonment of the application, any such fees are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740 referencing docket number 016762.085-US01.

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It is also not believed that extensions of time are required. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740 referencing docket number 016762.085-US01.

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